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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES

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COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO, IN AN AIRPORT INTERVIEW PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR SANTO DOMINGO, TOUCHED ON COLOMBIAN VENEZUELAN MARITIME BOUNDARY TALKS AND ON NEED TO AVOID STRUGGLES OVER MARINE RESOURCES. ON THE VENZUELAN TALKS, LIEVANO SAID THAT THE TWO GOVENEMENTS REMIAN IN CONSTANT CONTACT, AND ARE EXPLORING FORMULAS TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. HE ADDED THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS WILL PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEFINITE AGREEMENT WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. ON THE MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF MARINE BOUNDARIES, LIEVANO CAUTIONED THAT THE STRUGGLE OVER MARINE RESOURCES WILL LEAD TO SERIOUS CONFLICTS, AND THREATEN WORLD PEACE, UNLESS NATIONS REACH AGREEMENT ON THEIR MARITIME UNCLASSIFIED

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BOUNDARIES. TO THIS END, COLOMBIA HAS SIGNED TREATIES WITH MOST OF ITS NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING THE ONE LIEVANO IS SIGNING JANUARY 13 WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOC WILL SIGN SIMILAR TREATIES WITH HAITI AND JAMAICA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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